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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS, WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 1976

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
BUREAUS. EB AND PM DID NOT SUBMIT.

IO - TOUSSAINT (ACTING)

1. SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON DJIBOUTI INCIDENT BEGAN WITH
FRENCH AND SOMALIS PRESENTING RESPECTIVE VERSIONS.
SOMALIS ALSO OUTLINED ELEMENTS OF POSSIBLE COUNCIL RESOLUTION
WHICH WOULD BE VERY HARD ON FRENCH (SOMALIS DID NOT HIT AT
US). WITH NO OTHER SPEAKERS INSCRIBED TO SPEAK IN DEBATE,
WITH NO RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED OR UNDER ACTIVE DISCUSSION,
AND SOMALIS AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING NOT SCHEDULED BEFORE FEBRUARY 20.

2. I SOUGHT VIEWS OF US MEMBER OF UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD
RE STEPS WE SHOULD BE TAKING IN NEAR FUTURE TO INSURE THAT
NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (LABOUISSSE'S TERM EXPIRES END
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1976) WILL CONTINUE TO BE QUALIFIED AMERICAN.

ARA: HARYAN, ACTING

S&TT: AL FISHLOW WAS THE CLOSING SPEAKER AT THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CONFERENCE OF WHICH WE WERE CO-SPONSOR. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE LACK OF A MARKET IN TECHNOLOGY IS WHAT REQUIRES OUR PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE TRANSFER PROBLEM. THE MECHANISM IS THE REAL ISSUE AND IMPROVED INFORMATION FLOW MAY BE ONE IMPORTANT FACTOR. THAT IS WHAT WE IN ARA ARE LOOKING AT INTENSIVELY.

BRAZILIAN YARN: AL FISHLOW ALSO MET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN YARN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION. HE HAS AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A COUNTERVAILING ACTION AGAINST BRAZILIAN YARN IMPORTS. WE TRIED TO PERSUADE HIM TO WAIT, AT LEAST UNTIL THE TEXTILE BILATERALS AND TRADE SUB-GROUP MEETING IN MID-MARCH. THE DIKE MAY BE ABOUT TO BURST.

- MR. LEIGH

--I MET WITH ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WHO MADE A FURTHER SPECIFIC REQUEST TO THE USG TO GIVE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DETAILS OF LOCKHEED BRIBERY CASE. I HAVE BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGARDING APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST, BEARING IN MIND THE CONFIDENTIALITY WHICH THE SEC HAS TRADITIONALLY MAINTAINED REGARDING CASES CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION.

--ALDRICH INFORMED THE APPROPRIATE STATE, DEFENSE AND ACDA OFFICIALS OF THE RESULTS OF RECENT CONSULTATIONS ON THE LAWS OF WAR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.K., FRANCE, CANADA, AND THE FRG. WE HAVE AGREED ON COMMON APPROACHES TO THE KEY ISSUES BEFORE THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE WHICH RESUMES IN GENEVA IN APRIL -- GUERRILLAS, PENAL SANCTIONS, AND REPRISALS.

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EA - MR. HABIB

DIALOGUE WITH JAPANESE. LAST EVENING I PARTICIPATED ALONG WITH JIM HODGSON AND 40 JAPANESE ACADEMICIANS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE TOKYO AMERICAN CENTER IN AN "ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE". THE GROUP IN TOKYO FIRST VIEWED A VIDEO TAPED PRESENTATION ON THE PACIFIC DOCTRINE I HAD RECORDED EARLIER. IN THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED FOCUS WAS MAINLY ON SECURITY IN NORTHEAST ASIA.

POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN NEW ZEALAND. AMBASSADOR WHITE CALLED ON ME FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM HOME LEAVE TO

BRIEF ME ON THE SITUATION IN NEW ZEALAND. HE HAS COUNSELLED PM MULDOON TO NOT ATTEMPT TO VISIT THE US DURING 1976 BUT RATHER TO WAIT, AND HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS ADVICE WILL BE ACCEPTED. WHITE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL BE STAYING ON IN WASHINGTON FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS.

NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE. THIS MORNING I ADDRESSED THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE CLASS ON OUR POLICY IN EA.

BINGHAM AMENDMENT TO EXEMPT VIET-NAM FROM NON-STRATEGIC TRADE EMBARGO. ON H'S RECOMMENDATION, BOB MILLER MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE AT THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MARKUP SESSION THIS MORNING ON THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL TO DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENT'S OPPOSITION TO THE BINGHAM AMENDMENT. ALTHOUGH MILLER HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO CONGRESSMEN GILMAN AND GUYER BEFORE THE AMENDMENT WAS TAKEN UP, THE COMMITTEE DID NOT OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADMINISTRATION VIEWS TO BE HEARD BEFORE ADOPTING A MODIFIED VERSION OF THE AMENDMENT 13-11.

HABIB'S ABSENCE- I AM LEAVING IN THE MORNING FOR THE ANZUS MEETING IN WELLINGTON FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO SEVERAL EA POSTS. I WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON MARCH 4.

AF - EDWARD W. MULCAHY, ACTING

JAPANESE TO RECOGNIZE MPLA - JAPANESE POLITICAL
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COUNSELOR KURIYAMA CAME IN TO SAY THAT THE CABINET WILL PROBABLY DECIDE FRIDAY TO EXTEND RECOGNITION TO THE MPLA. I SAID THAT, WHILE WE WOULD REGRET THE DECISION WE WOULD UNDERSTAND, BUT I URGED THAT THE DECLARATION BE COUPLED WITH AN APPEAL FOR ANGOLAN NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

PROBLEMS WITH BENIN - AMBASSADOR JIM ENGLE FROM COTONOU CAME IN TO DISCUSS OUR OPTIONS REGARDING FUTURE RELATIONS WITH BENIN. HE SAYS HE FAVORS CLOSING OUR EMBASSY.

TOMORROW - I WILL DISCUSS ANGOLAN PROBLEMS WITH EXXON AND TEXACO OFFICIALS, HAVE A TOUR D'HORIZON WITH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND ATTEND A GERMAN EMBASSY RECEPTION.

EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN:

I HAVE SENT YOU A SEPARATE REPORT ON THE TURKISH AID MARKUP ON THE HIRC SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL. JOE AND I SAW ESENBEL AND GAVE HIM AN UP-BEAT ASSESSMENT ON THE HIRC

ACTION. WE MADE THE POINT THAT SIGNATURE AND LATER CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF OUR US/TURKISH DEFENSE AGREEMENT IS THE ONLY WAY TO RESTORE FULL ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.

NEA - SOBER, ACTING.

1. THE ISRAELI POLITICAL COUNSELOR, IN A TALK WITH ME, PROBED FOR INFORMATION ON OUR FORTHCOMING ARMS "DEAL" WITH SAUDI ARABIA, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS. I EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS NOT AN EXCEPTIONAL "DEAL" BUT RATHER, A NUMBER OF OFFERS IN CONTINUANCE OF OUR LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH SAUDI ARABIA. I NOTED THAT THE BULK OF THE VALUE OF THE LOA'S SENT TO THE HILL YESTERDAY IS FOR TWO CORPS OF ENGINEERS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, NOT WEAPONRY. WITHOUT CITING PRECISE QUANTITIES, I EXPLAINED THAT MOST OF THE OTHER LOA'S PERTAINED TO THE PROPOSED MECHANIZATION OF TWO SAUDI INFANTRY BRIGADES. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR REPEATEDLY ASKED WHETHER WE HAVE NOT ALREADY AGREED TO SELL THE SAUDIS F-15'S OR F-16'S, SAYING
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HE HAD HEARD WORD TO THAT EFFECT; I SAID THEY HAD ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON THESE AIRCRAFT AND THAT WE HAD SUPPLIED SOME, BUT THAT NO DECISION ON A SALE HAD EITHER BEEN REQUESTED OR MADE. IN COMMENTING ON THE ABOVE, I EMPHASIZED THE RELATIVE WEAKNESS OF THE SAUDI FORCES AND THE VERY IMPORTANT PART THAT OUR LIMITED MILITARY PROGRAM PLAYS IN THE OVERALL U.S.-SAUDI RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL THAT THE LATTER MEANS FOR OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PROGRESS ALONG MODERATE LINES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT CONGRESSMAN ROSENTHAL WILL BE RAISING AN OFFICIAL OBJECTION REGARDING THE LOA'S FOR SAUDI ARABIA WHICH WERE DELIVERED TO THE HILL YESTERDAY. A HEARING BEFORE THE FASCELL SUBCOMMITTEE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 24, AT WHICH AHERTON IS EXPECTED TO BE THE PRINCIPAL WITNESS.

H:RJMCCLOSKEY

1. SECURITY ASSISTANCE - SENATE. THE SENATE TODAY ADOPTED THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL BY A 60 TO 30 VOTE. HUMPHREY AND CASE SUCCEEDED IN TURNING BACK ALL SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A KENNEDY AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD PREVENT ANY ASSISTANCE TO CHILE.

2. SECURITY ASSISTANCE - HOUSE. THE HIRC COMPLETED MARKUP TODAY AND PLANS TO REPORT OUT A CLEAN BILL TOMORROW. TODAY'S ACTION INCLUDED THE PASSAGE OF A

BINGHAM/GILMAN AMENDMENT (REPORTED BELOW), A FINDLEY

AMENDMENT CRITICIZING SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, AN INCREASE FROM \$65 MILLION TO \$90 MILLION IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE, AND PROVISION FOR THE SALE OF DEFENSE ARTICLES/SERVICES TO TURKEY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 UP TO A TOTAL VALUE OF \$125 MILLION (COMMERCIAL, FMS AND FMS CREDIT SALES.) AN INTERIM QUARTER AUTHORIZATION NOT TO EXCEED ONE-FOURTH OF THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR FISCAL YEAR

1976 ALSO PASSED. A FURTHER ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW.
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3. TRADE WITH VIETNAM. BY 13 TO 11, THE HIRC ADOPTED THE BINGHAM AMENDMENT TO THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL PROVIDING FOR SUBSTANTIAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO ON TRADE AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH THE TWO VIETNAMS. ALSO

ADOPTED WAS A GILMAN AMENDMENT LIMITING RELAXATION OF THE EMBARGO TO 180 DAYS IF THE VIETNAMESE ARE NOT FORTHCOMING WITH ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON MIAS. BOTH GILMAN AND BUCHANAN TOLD US THEY BELIEVE THE BINGHAM AMENDMENT CAN BE ELIMINATED ON THE FLOOR OR IN CONFERENCE.

ON THE SENATE SIDE, AN IDENTICAL HATFIELD AMENDMENT WAS WITHDRAWN TODAY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH HUMPHREY AND CASE.

4. SPANISH TREATY. I MET WITH BOTH PEARSON AND SPARKMAN TODAY TO DISCUSS THE TREATY. PEARSON SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT, SO WILL SPARKMAN. SPARKMAN SHARES OUR INTEREST IN GETTING EARLY SFRC CDNSADWITTIOHE F TFF. - WILL WORK OUT AN EARLY DATE WITH THE STAFF.

5. TRADE ACT - OPEC AMENDMENT. CONTRARY TO OUR UNDERSTANDING, SENATOR LONG REFUSED TO HOLD A FINANCE COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION YESTERDAY AT WHICH THE BENTSEN/

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BROCK AMENDMENT WAS TO BE REPORTED OUT. THIS WOULD HAVE EXEMPTED NON EMBARGOING COUNTRIES FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE OPEC AMENDMENT TO THE TRADE ACT. THE COMMITTEE INFORMED US THAT NO NEW MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT HAS YET BEEN RESCHEDULED. WE ARE URGING EARLY CONSIDERATION.

6. GUATEMALA EARTHQUAKE. AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER AND COUNTRY DIRECTOR WEISSMAN TESTIFIED BEFORE DIGGS' SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES, FOOD AND

ENERGY ON U.S. DISASTER RELIEF FOR GUATEMALA. THE SUBCOMMITTEE INDICATED IT WILL WELCOME A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR GUATEMALA.

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7. NOMINATIONS AND FSO PROMOTION LIST. THE SENATE
CONFIRMED RIDGEWAY, ZURHELLEN AND SHAW. THE SENATE ALSO
APPROVED THE FOREIGN SERVICE PROMOTION LIST. INGERSOLL

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